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TO: Washington State Board of Health Members

FROM: Craig McLaughlin, Policy Manager

RE: RCW 43.20.100, ANNUAL REPORT

Background and Summary

The Board is required by Section 43.20.100 of the revised code of Washington to submit an annual report to the governor. I have attached for your review and comment the first draft of proposed text for the 2001 report, which would be submitted in January.

The staff is preparing for anticipated budget cuts by reducing publications expenses where possible. To this end, we decided to repurpose last year's annual report layout with only minor changes. The attached text is very similar to the text in the 2000 annual report to the governor for this reason.

RCW 43.20.100 states that the annual report shall include "suggestions for such legislative action as it deems necessary." When this draft was completed, the Board was not suggesting any legislation. Should that change, the report text will have to change as well. Chances are very good that such changes could be made with only minor modifications to the existing format.

Recommended Board Motions

None. This draft is for review and comment. It may have to change significantly during the design phase to fit into the layout. It may also change if the Board decides to recommend legislation. The Board will have a chance to review and, if it chooses, formally adopt the annual report at December meeting.